

## **Nile breeding and performance report 2013**

*Last year was stamped by hard work, a lot of happiness with our horses and some unforgettable successes.*

*With this year's crop, we did put new accents in our breed. For the first time ever in Switzerland, a progeny of the American top sire Burning Sand has been born, out of our mare Nil Abiat. The first foal in Switzerland of the young Qatari sire Majd Al Arab has been born by our Swiss premium mare Nil Incipit, it is a bay colt named Nil Majeed. The first foal of the German stallion Al Marid in Switzerland is Nil Nouta. She is the first foal of our champion mare Nil Nikinikee and did win the foals championship with the highest marks of the show.*

*Our horses were competing in about 40 flat and endurance races in Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, France and Italy. The endurance legend Nil Khaznah was again going with the bests for the best in Germany at the Arabian Trophy. She finished second in the final ranking with more than 1'000 raced kilometers. The five years old stallion Nil Ashal put a record over the mile at the race track in Avenches and did win the Swiss racing championship for the second time after 2012.*



*Nile Team Franziska, Rita and Urs Aeschbacher with Nil Karazi (Dormane x Kahloucha), champion race horse 2011 and exported to France in 2013 to an endurance stable. Photo: Véronique Curchod*

*We would like to thank all members of our team for their efforts and all our clients and friends for their highly appreciated confidence. It was a pleasure to enjoy together these memorable moments with our horses in 2013.*

## Swiss made & worldwide inspired

Since 38 years, Nile bred horses are **Swiss made**. We are the oldest active pure bred Arabian stud in Switzerland and our success is based on typical Swiss values such as continuity, creativity and quality. We follow our traditional breeding way and do not abandon it because of some flashy trends or a short timed demand in the market. Our N-line, one of the eldest and most active lines in Switzerland, finds itself in the 6<sup>th</sup> generation. Each of these six generations represents international show-, race and endurance winners such as European and World champions. The youngest winner is 2013 born Nil Nouta (Al Marid – Nil Nikinikee), judged with the highest score of the show 2013 in Switzerland.



**SZAP Elite mare Naya, 1975 (Kaisoon x Nana b. Tuhotmos), foundation mare of Nile Arabians and founder of the N-line. She belongs to the first import of straight Egyptian horses to Switzerland. Photo Van Lent**

Nile Arabians has been **worldwide inspired** again and again during the last four decades. Opening new horizons and setting innovative breeding inputs is part of our breeding philosophy. In 1975, it was Nile Arabians who imported the first straight Egyptian horses to Switzerland. As first breeders worldwide, Nile Arabians bred its straight Egyptian mares to Polish and Russian stallions. Already 20 years

ago, Nile Arabians felt that the Arabian breed would split into Arabian show horses and into Arabian sport horses.



**Foals Champion 2013, Nil Nouta, (Al Marid x Nil Nikinikee by QR Marc) tracing 6 generations back to our foundation mare Naya. Photo Nile Arabians**

We concentrated on both strengths and achieved good results in show and sport. Worldwide inspired for the sport, we had chosen as first breeders in Switzerland high quality French and Saudi Arabian bloodlines on our mares and founded the first French and first Tunisian mother line. Worldwide inspired for the show, we adopted as first Swiss breeders top stallions such as Jamil, Ansata Halim Shah, Kubinec, Gips, Ekstern and QR Marc on our show mares.

Also in future, we will remain true to our philosophy „**Swiss made & worldwide inspired**“ and will try to preserve the good values and to innovate new standards.

## Commitment in international pure bred Arabian institutions and conferences

Nile Arabians is not only inspired from the worldwide breed and sport. It is a part of our tradition to commit ourselves in international pure bred Arabians institutions and boards.

Since more than 25 years, Urs Aeschbacher is an international A-judge and instructor for judges at the ECAHO (European Conference of Arab Horse Organizations). Judging horses all over the world means to feel the trend and to recognize early enough positive as well as negative developments in the Arabian breed.

Since the foundation of the IFAHR (International Federation of Arabian Horse

Racing Authorities) in 1999 in Paris, Urs Aeschbacher represents Switzerland as one of the foundation members with the objective to be involved in the worldwide development of the pure bred Arabian racing sport. We are proud to have organized for more than 10 years IFAHR accepted and recognized pure bred Arabian races in Switzerland.



**From left to right: Hannie Maasdijk, IFAHR secretary from Qatar with Franziska Aeschbacher at a race day in Abu Dhabi in November 2013. Photo Nile Arabians**

In February 2013, Switzerland organized for the first time ever an IFAHR approved Listed race. It took place on snow on the frozen lake of St. Moritz. This was another important step to improve the reputation and the image of the pure bred Arabian horse in Switzerland which is still mostly known as a show horse only. The prize money in Switzerland in pure bred Arabian racing increased from CHF 7'000 in 2000 to a total sponsoring amount of CHF 81'000 in 2014.



**First Listed race for pure bred Arabians in the history of Switzerland: Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Listed Cup 2013 in St. Moritz with a dotation of CHF 30'000.- Photo Franja Schmid**

Due to the granting of a Listed race in St. Moritz, Switzerland achieved international pattern race state. During the IFAHR meetings in March in Qatar and in October in Paris, we have represented Switzerland in the handicapper and pattern race committee meetings. This committee appoints the various group and listed races (pattern races) in the world and all horses participating in this category of races are rated on an international handicap scale.

Also in 2013, Nile Arabians has been present at important pure bred Arabian conferences.

On the occasion of the Arabian Horse Racing World Conference in Toulouse we were participating for three days in various panels discussing with experts from all continents important tasks such as breeding, training, feeding and marketing the Arabian horse.

From 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013, Nile Arabians and the racing association of St. Moritz were together official exhibitors at the ADIHEX (Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition), in order to promote Swiss Arab horse racing and breeding in the UAE.

From 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November, we have been present in Abu Dhabi at the conference of HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival which was held under the slogan "Five continents – One world". HH Sheikh Mansoor has also invited around 200 jockey apprentices and gentlemen riders from throughout the world. The theme of the conference was the formation and boost of the young riders and teaching them in the most recent sports and nutritional research results.



*Prize ceremony in Abu Dhabi with a delegation of the HH Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, the main sponsor of Switzerland. Photo Nile Arabians.*

We are thankful to have met so many interesting people of the pure bred Arabian world and have learnt and witnessed a lot of things which will hopefully inspire us, our friends and our breed.

### **Our breeding highlights**

Also in 2013 we have put innovative impacts. Three foals, one filly and two colts, have been born on our stud farm. All three foals are bred by another stallion. Each of these stallions has been covering for the first time one of our mares and has been used in Switzerland for the first time ever.

#### **NIL NOUTA – champion foal 2013**

- 2013, by Al Marid out of Nil Nikinikee by QR Marc
- Winner of the National foals championship 2013
- Highest scored horse at the Swiss national stock show 2013

**Swiss made**, Nil Nouta is representing in the 6th generation one of the eldest mother lines of Switzerland, our N-line. All her first five mothers are Swiss bred by our stud and are themselves Swiss premium mares or champion mares.

**Worldwide inspired** by her father Al Marid (Al Milan x Bafran B by El Nabila B), it was our aim to add to Nil Nouta and our N-line new Russian and Egyptian blood which is represented in this young, still unproven stallion from Germany.



*Nil Nouta (Al Marid x Nil Nikinikee v. QR Marc), best foal 2013 in Switzerland and highest scored horse at the Swiss national stock show 2013. Photo Nile Arabians*

Congratulations to her owners Jaynie and Paul Macdonald to this filly.

#### **NIL NIKINIKEE – the classic Nile look**

- Born 2009, by QR Marc out of Nil Nana by Extreme
- Best in Show 2010 and 2011, Best bred mare in Switzerland in 2010, 2011 and 2013
- Mother of Champion foal 2013, Nil Nouta



*Nil Nikinikee, 2009 (QR Marc x Nil Nana by Extreme). One of the best mares bred in Switzerland for the last years. Unbeaten champion mare out of our N-line, champion producer. Photo Nile Arabians*

**Swiss made** is the classic Nile look of this mare out of our N-line in the 5th generation.

**Worldwide inspired** by her father, the American world class producer QR Marc, she is the first progeny of QR Marc born in Switzerland and leaves her mark in the Swiss breed.

### Nil Asfour – with old blood from the USA

- Born 2013, by Burning Sand out of Nil Abiat by Darike
- Half-brother to Champion racehorse Nil Ashal
- One of the first progeny of Burning Sand born in Europe



*Nil Asfour, 2013 (Burning Sand x Nil Abiat by Darike), one of a little number of progeny of Burning Sand born in Europe. Photo Nile Arabians*

**Swiss made** is Nil Asfour's mother Nil Abiat, representing the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of our A-line, herself champion producer with her first colt Nil Ashal.

**Worldwide inspired** is Nil Asfour by the outcross on the old French blood of Nil Abiat with the American top producer Burning Sand. Since 2006, the 27 years old Burning Sand heads the American statistic of the stallions. The win sum of his progeny is more than 5 million US\$. 83% of his progeny are winner and 40% stakes winner. Measuring only 1.50m, the grey colt is considered to be the most dominant producer of race horses in the world wide breeding (Thoroughbreds, pure bred Arabians, Quarter horses).

### Nil Majeed – with new blood from Qatar and Saudi Arabia

- Born 2013, by Majd Al Arab out of Nil Incipit by Dormane
- First foal of the Amer son Majd Al Arab in Switzerland
- Half brother to blacktype and champion racehorse Nil Ishan Ibn Al Sakbe



*Nil Majeed, 2013 (Majd Al Arab x Nil Incipit by Dormane). First foal of Majd Al Arab in Switzerland out of our N-line, inbred 3x3 on Chef-de-Race Manganate with an outcross to the Saudi Arabian stallion Amer. Photo Nile Arabians*

**Swiss made** is the mother of Nil Majeed, the Swiss premium and black type mare Nil Incipit by Dormane out of the Swiss premium mare Nil Najada out of our N-line.

**Worldwide inspired** is suitable for the father of Nil Majeed, Majd Al Arab. The multiple race champion from Qatar and racehorse champion producer combines the Saudi Arabian blood of one of the most significant stallions of the century, Amer, with the French blood of the French chef-de-race stallion Manganate.

The pedigree with its outstanding bloodlines in our three foals born in 2013 is marked from top quality and unique in the breed of pure bred Arabians in Switzerland. The pedigree itself is not a guarantee for the quality of a horse, but is a must to have, a first requirement to be fulfilled.

### Nil Bedouin – a significant producer

- Born 1999, by Barour de Cardonne out of Nil Tahani by Versal
- Highest classified sire (B/A/A/-) in Switzerland – SCID and CA free
- Multiple race champion and race champion producer



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**Nil Bedouin, 1999 (Barour de Cardonne x Nil Tahani by Versal), highest categorized stallion in Switzerland with the qualities of a champion producer. Photo Franja Schmid**

**Swiss made** is Nil Bedouin's mother Nil Tahani, a national champion in show and a national champion in racing. She is the daughter of our foundation mare Tiffaha by Jamil out of Taghreed.



**Nil Bedouin's grand mother Tiffaha, 1981-2002 (Jamil x Taghreed by Shaarawi), World- and European Champion mare and foundation mare of Nile Arabians. Photo Van Lent.**

Nil Bedouin's grandmother Tiffaha is the most successful Egyptian show mare ever. For Nile Arabians, she won in 1994 the National Championship and was the European Reserve Champion mare. In 1995, she won the International Championship in Frauenfeld and in the same year, she was winning the European Championships as well as achieving the World Champion mare title. Tiffaha was the personification of Arabian nobility and enthused thousands of fans worldwide with her charisma. This unique, distinctive spirit passes on to her offspring and makes the difference in horses like Nil Tahani, Nil Bedouin or his son Nil Ashal.



**BC Nihal, 2009 (Nil Bedouin x Nil Nura v. Gips), a copy of his father Nil Bedouin. BC Nihal's mother achieved highest scores at the Swiss National stock show in 1995, was awarded best bred horse in Switzerland and in 1996 she was winning the National Junior championships. BC Nihal is bred and owned by Brigitte Antenen. Photo Nile Arabians.**



**Sarih, 2009 (Nil Bedouin x Malwa), another 4-years old son of Nil Bedouin while enjoying his basic education at Nile Arabians. He shows a lot of potential for endurance racing. Photo Nile Arabians.**

**Worldwide inspired** is Nil Bedouin through his French father Barour de Cardonne and his dam sire, the Russian stallion Versal. Both stallions are adding the most prestigious performance genes.

On the strength of the experiences made with breeding Nil Bedouin to mares out of different bloodlines, he pronounces his profile as a strong producer. All his foals are of good quality in terms of correctness, class and movements.



**Nil Ashal, 2008 (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat by Darike), track record over the mile in Avenches, champion racehorse 2012 and 2013. The most successful son of Nil Bedouin up to now. Photo Nile Arabians.**

Nil Bedouin entails dominantly superior substance, movement, harmony combined with a leggy appearance, easy riding mind and high motivation to perform.



**Nil Alamoan, 2012 (Nil Bedouin x Nil Anablue v. Munjiz). Filly by Nil Bedouin in the classic performance type with good top line, high neck, strong body, leggy, dry legs and a good eye. Photo Nile Arabians.**

Beside his hereditary transmission, his crop still shows the strengths of their mother. By trend, the foals are rather late in maturity which means that not every horse can be trained as a two years old and be raced with three. For endurance, this tendency is not negative and is no quality characteristic.

Very interestingly bred from a genetic point of view, Nil Bedouins represents a rare combination of the old Egyptian, Russian and French bloodlines.



**A.N. Marengo, 2013 (Nil Bedouin x A.N. Madanya by Nikel). Nil Bedouin colt out of the important Russian performance line of Mammona, the "Queen of Tersk". Through the French blood of his father and the Russian one of his mother, chef-de-race stallion Denousté is represented 8 times in his pedigree. With three weeks of age only, this colt shows a lot of substance, good lines in wither, shoulder and croup. A.N. Marengo is bred and owned by Dr. Marina Groner. Photo Nile Arabians.**

The Egyptian blood of Nazeer (5x) and the race producer Ibn Rabdan (6x) comes from his grandmother Tiffaha.

The Russian influence comes from his maternal grandfather, Versal. He is a representative of the Naftalin/Topol/Priboj line, one of the most important performance lines worldwide in the pure Arabian breed. Versal himself is inbred 3x4x5 to Priboj and 3x3 to the mare Mammona, „The Queen of Tersk“.

Nil Bedouin has got through his father Barour de Cardonne the blood of the most important stallion line in France, the Manganate/St. Laurent line. The mother line of Barour de Cardonne traces back to the Nevada family, one of the most important race dam lines worldwide.

Through the stallions Barour de Cardonne and Versal, Nil Bedouin combines the best French and Russian blood through the chef-de-race sire Denousté, appearing 10 times in the pedigree of Nil Bedouin.

Also in 2014, Nil Bedouin will be available for breeding at the Swiss National State Stud. Breeders who are looking for quality riding and sport horses should consider this stallion.

## Our sportive highlights

We do not breed a horse just to look at it. But we look carefully at it in order to divine whether it could be a successful horse one day. Being correctly built and well-bred is not a guarantee for successful performance. It is though essential for us to select our brood mares and stallions through their performance. Such a selection is authentic, does not give space for subjective interpretation and leads us to the core of the quality of a horse.

### Nil Ashal – again champion racehorse and new record holder over the mile

- Born 2008, by Nil Bedouin out of Nil Abiat by Darike
- Champion race horse Switzerland 2013 and 2014
- New track record holder over the mile in Avenches



*Nil Ashal, 2008 (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat by Darike). Double champion race stallion, he combines in the best way speed and stamina. Photo Scarlett Schär*

**100% Swiss made** und **100% Nile made** is the correct definition for Nil Ashal. Both, his father Nil Bedouin as well as his mother Nil Abiat are registered in the Swiss studbook and both are bred by Nile Arabians. In 2013, Nil Ashal was the best racehorse in our stable. A total of 3 wins, 3 2<sup>nd</sup> places and one place in a Listed, he has got a total earning of CHF 18'000. This summer, he realized a new track record over the mile in Avenches in 1.44.71. A double race champion in 2012 and 2013, he is confirming his father Nil Bedouin, himself four times champion race horse, as a champion producer.

Of course, also Nil Ashal is „**worldwide inspired**“. Only very few Arabs in Switzerland are bred with the valuable blood of the French chef-de-race stallions Manganate and St. Laurent. This blood is represented in the

pedigree of Nil Ashal with an inbreed factor of 3x4 and 4x5x5.

### Nil Khaznah – over 6'000 endurance race kilometers

- Born 1998, by Kubinec out of the Swiss premium mare Nil Nouza by Gips
- 2nd place out of 150 classed horses in the overall ranking of the Arabian Trophy in Germany with a total of 1076 race kilometers in 2013.
- Various wins and places in endurance with a total of 6'081 raced kilometers.



*Nil Khaznah, 1998 (Kubinec x Nil Nouza by Gips) with her rider Heike Blümel. Nil Khaznah incarnates hardness, endurance and motivation as rarely a horse does. Owned by Ina Baader. Photo published with permission of Ina Baader.*

Since over five years Nil Khaznah is racing within the top horses in the German endurance series “Araber Trophy”. Her hardness, endurance and will are the main qualities of this exceptional mare. With these characteristics, she incarnates the core values of an Arabian horse in such a way, that other, often discussed points such as exterior, dish, flat croup and so on, become second or third priority. Those are the horses like Nil Khaznah which point out the difference between the Arabian horse and other breeds.

As representative of our N-line, she is **Swiss made** by definition. Her mother, grandmother, great-grandmother are all Swiss Premium mares which shows once more, that only quality will breed quality.

**Worldwide inspired** by her father Kubinec and her dam sire Gips, Nil Khaznah consists of blood lines which have been successful worldwide.

### River – consistent and reliable performer

- Born 2009, by Della Francesca out of River Sans Retour by Vacarme
- 6 Starts in 2013, 5 places, whereof twice second.



*River, 2009 (Della Francesca x River Sans Retour by Vacarme) at his first win in Aarau in 2012. Also in 2013 he was proving his stayer qualities in races from 2'400m to 2'700m. River is run under the colours of Golden Arabians and is in co-property with Theres Reusser. Photo Scarlett Schär.*

The 4-years old thoroughbred gelding River is racing for the second season for the colours of Golden Arabians. He is bred in France and inbred 3x4 to the legendary Northern Dancer. The small bay horse cheers us up every day, does every race at its best and has a perfect mind – we just love him. We are glad to race River also in 2014 and hope for another good season.

### Train people to train horses

Not only educating and developing young horses is one of our main tasks, also the schooling of young riders and interested gentlemen riders is an important activity for Nile Arabians. We regularly train jockey apprentices.



*Fanny Crausaz riding our thoroughbred gelding Raneb. Fanny finished 2013 successfully her 3 years lasting apprenticeship as a race rider. Photo Nile Arabians.*

Fanny Crausaz has finished in August 2013 her apprenticeship as a race rider. After a short stay in two race stables in France, Fanny will continue and improve her knowledge in a Quarter horse stud and race stable in Canada. We congratulate Fanny and wish her all the best for the future!

*„ Looking at a horse is good for judging quality, though the true excellence of a horse may only be felt“.*

In this spirit, we hope for many inspiring moments with our horses and wish all our friends a huge and safe jump into the New Year.

## *Quality breeds Quality – since 1975*

**Sire NIL BEDOUIN – available at the Swiss National State Stud in Avenches in 2014**

- **Highest categorized stallion in Switzerland (B/A/A/-)**
- **Multiple race champion**
- **Top class producer with winning progeny**
- **SCID and CA free**



### **Our service offer 2014**

- **Natural breeding** or fresh semen of NIL BEDOUIN to interesting conditions
- **Sale** of pure bred Arabian horses for breeding and competition
- **Leasing of premium broodmares**
- **Careful education** of young horses in classic riding style
- **Training** of race horses
- **Correct rearing** of young stock
- **Pasture** for retired horses
- **Competent consulting** in breeding, judging, feeding and training